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June 25, 2004

Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir B, Branch  
Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Midstates Petroleum Corporation to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir B, Branch Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana:

1. To redefine the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir B, in the Branch Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 11,448 feet and 12,180 feet in the Midstates Petroleum Corporation (formerly LLOG) - Ned Wilson No. 1 Well;
2. Except as set forth above, to confirm and continue in effect the unit established for the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir B in the Branch Field, by Office of Conservation Order No. 110-V-3, being the NS RB SUA;
3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir B, in the Branch Field, was fully defined by Order 110-V-3 (effective December 19, 2000) and is hereby redefined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 11,448 feet and 12,180 feet in the Midstates

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Petroleum Corporation (formerly LLOG) - Ned Wilson No. 1 Well, located in Section 46, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

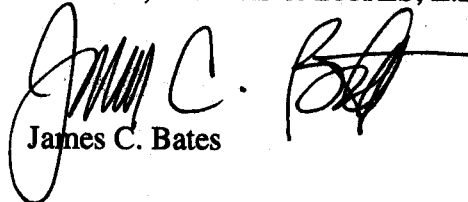
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Branch Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Branch Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337) 232-5004.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat outlining the NS RB SUA in the Branch Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, said plat and list are being sent to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY**. However, copies of the plat and/or list will be provided to any party upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

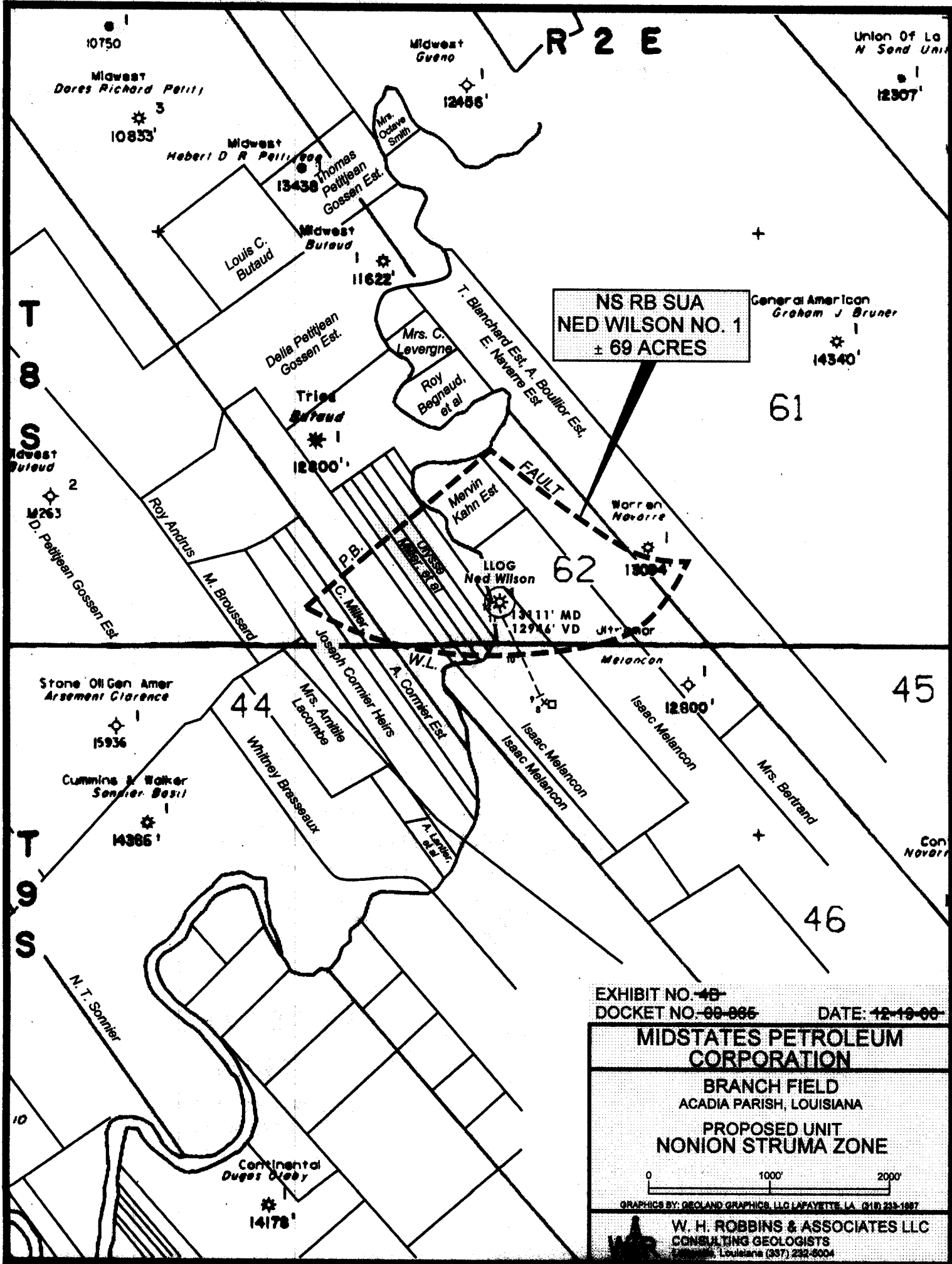
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enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties



NS RB SUA  
NED WILSON NO. 1  
± 69 ACRES

General American  
Graham J. Bruner

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45

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EXHIBIT NO. 48  
DOCKET NO. 00-005 DATE: 12-19-00

MIDSTATES PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION

BRANCH FIELD  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
NONION STRUMA ZONE

0 1000' 2000'

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